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2. Possible US effort to obtain German unification--The Department of State has informed US High Commissioner McCloy of its willingness to make one more real effort to unify both Berlin and Germany before recognizing the division of the country. The Department indicates it has little hope such an effort will succeed but feels willing to go through with it because: (a) important German leaders believe that Western moves favoring all-Berlin and all-German elections must be more than mere propaganda maneuvers; and (b) the French apparently require positive evidence of Soviet unwillingness to re-establish Berlin as a unified, quadripartite city before considering the possibility of making Berlin a 12th German Land. The Department believes negotiations could be carried on at first by an exchange of US-Soviet notes, following which a conference might be held if differences began to narrow and if the atmosphere of recrimination were absent.

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3. US plans protest on Soviet Zone police for 25 May--The Department of State has advised US Embassy Moscow that the US formal protest to the USSR over the militarization of the East German police should be made public in time to receive maximum German press treatment on 26 May, two days before the Communist Youth Rally in Berlin. The Department suggests that the Embassy endeavor to coordinate with the British and French in presenting the protest notes to the Soviet Government on 25 May.

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